

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH IRON PANTHERS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the South Iron Panthers of Annapolis who are the 2021 Missouri Class 1 Boys Basketball Champions.

The Panthers achieved a 25–4 record for their season and in the game for the top prize they beat Mound City 69–50. That gave South Iron their first state championship since 1965.

Coach Dusty Dinkins praised his team for their hard work and passion to play their best. Indeed, that dedication to excellence paid off on the court.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Coach Dinkins, Assistant Coaches Delbert Jackson, Jason McMurphy and Jared Middleton, and their championship players Jermarco Burse, Jr., Jermarquis Burse, Drenin Dinkins, Kolton Dinkins, Jacob Leverett, Luke Lunyou, Champ McMurphy, DJ Prater, Gabe Ruble, and Brock Wakefield.

It is my great privilege to recognize the South Iron High School Panthers as the Class I Missouri State Championship Boys Basketball team today before the United States House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOMELAND PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2021

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I am proud to reintroduce this bipartisan legislation to reform the way the Department of Homeland Security procures uniforms and protective equipment for its personnel. The aim is to improve the quality of uniforms and equipment issued to Department frontline personnel by encouraging the procurement of domestically sourced uniform items.

Today, OHS has tens of thousands of uniformed officers, but not all of those uniforms are made here in the United States. Under this legislation, at least a third of OHS funds spent on uniforms are to be used to purchase goods manufactured by American small businesses.

Madam Speaker, my bill is good for homeland security, and it is good for small American businesses.

Additionally, in response to concerns expressed by frontline personnel about how quickly they exhaust their annual uniform allowances, my bill directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to take a hard look at the adequacy of the allowances. In studying the issue, the Secretary is required to determine

what improvements can be made to the current allowances and what impacts the current allowances have had on employee morale and retention

RECOGNITION OF HOPE OF DETROIT ACADEMY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students at Hope of Detroit Academy for their outstanding achievement in STEM and being recognized as a Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition semifinalist.

Under the guidance of their teacher Ms. Allie Langwald, students Abraham Salas, Yaritza Campos, and Itzel Martinez worked diligently to find innovative solutions to address issues in their community in Southwest Detroit. I had the opportunity to meet with them earlier this year and was impressed with their dedication to addressing environmental issues, like illegal dumping and abandoned buildings open to trespass.

Their hard work culminated in the creation of the Green Warrior app which utilizes technology to help residents quickly and easily report illegal dumping sites in need of clean up and dangerous buildings. In partnership with the City of Detroit and other community-based organizations, their app will ensure that neighborhood streets and parks are cleaned up and dangerous building boarded up so the community can enjoy the use of public spaces.

Please join me in recognizing the hard work of Hope of Detroit on behalf of the communities of Detroit, Wayne County, and Michigan's 13th Congressional District and congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.

HONORING CABARRUS COUNTY LIBERTY BELL AWARD RECIPIENT HOWARD IRVIN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard Irvin on receiving the Cabarrus County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Irvin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School before beginning his legal career in 1965 as a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for the United States Navy. After his service to our nation, Mr. Irvin joined the law practice of his father, E. Johnston Irvin, before limiting his practice to real estate law in 1971.

Mr. Irvin is a consummate professional and boasts over fifty years of legal service to his

community and has continuously adapted to changes in real estate law to best protect his clients. He has handled over thirty-five thousand real estate closings during his career.

The Liberty Bell Award is presented to an individual that goes forth to educate on and upholds laws that support American freedom. Throughout his involvement in Cabarrus County, Mr. Irvin has helped many people regain their confidence in our judicial system by being a constant resource of knowledge. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Irvin will continue to help the people of Cabarrus County with his unwavering commitment to the law and serving others.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Howard Irvin as the Cabarrus County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award recipient and wish him well as he continues to uphold our American freedom.

TRIBUTE TO SHELIA PAYTON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shelia Payton who is retiring from my district office on April 30, 2021, after 16 years of dedicated and distinguished service to my office and the constituents of the 4th Congressional District.

I have known Shelia for over 30 years. She joined my district office in 2005 immediately after I began my first term in the House of Representatives where she worked as a caseworker on the following issues: small business and minority business matters, Internal Revenue Service concerns and outreach to business groups and faith-based organizations. She assisted constituents in obtaining their money on their federal returns and she created awareness and shared resources to small businesses and minority businesses looking for opportunities. Over the years, she established and maintained strong working relationships with many federal agencies, business groups, business chambers, and community based and faith-based organizations. Shelia took immense pride in her work product and throughout her tenure in my office ensured the constituents of the 4th Congressional District were well served.

I am happy that Shelia will start a new chapter in her life having had such an illustrious career as a journalist, business owner, marketing and copy freelance producer, author, playwright, and most recently as a public servant in my office.

Shelia began her career by earning a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Syracuse University and working for the Miami Herald. She also received a master's degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She worked in public relations for Miller Brewing and went on to work for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Minority Entrepreneurship Program. She also held jobs as a

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